



## DREAMS.

The glad fire dances; my baby sat and smiled.  
And golden-horned-haired at her feet, our child.  
Our dear boy, leaned grave-faced on her knee.  
And gazed as to the bright flames he could  
All that I had done in bygone days,  
How the grim Banquo rode down mountains.  
By his haughty Yarrow how Phoebe  
Beamed with his trophie the Castle walls  
and baw.  
Clear, loud the Border challenges; how the  
Died fighting in the center of the ring;  
How, far upon the forest fields of death,  
The Douglas flung and won the heart again,  
And the sun shone through the branches of the land.  
And then I changed and spoke of them;  
And now, who in business had moved,  
Had known, through the bitters of fate,  
Had seen their own hearts' love and gathering hate.  
Till my great wasted dream in the dream  
Broke in the happy light upon the face  
Of my dear wife, swift knitting in her  
And so I told of all my woes and  
In the deep solitude of our dear bower,  
And now their loves were scattered with  
How great song rose from sorrow-borne  
the years.  
And how they loved the sun, the very grass,  
The leaves and all the living things that  
From the loved hand of God. My lady  
With whom wifely forms do meek sleep,  
The broad light falling on his gentle face  
With all the joyfulness of their own  
glory.  
And I rose strong in heart, and glad that  
Had found my bower underneath the sky,  
I stopped to kiss my dear old sweetheart.  
A darkness like the gray mist in a grot  
Came down and shadowed all, and I was left.  
Or my dream-wife, dream-mate, dream-  
home before.  
Rest forever, and I rank in tears  
Before the empty world that tried my  
years.  
Ave, for down the future—tardy enough  
My hands in agony of prayer and anguish  
Against the dark soul-tamer—cried for  
Amid the wild waste of my spirit's night.  
Then, weak in heart, and hopeless, spirituous.  
Cried to God's love of mercy, I had loved  
and lost.  
Helen Bain in Good Works.

## IN BRIEFS.

Women ought to rejoice that the day of foolish futility has passed away. Wandering troubadours once sang of her as an angel, and tyrannous lords made her the slave of their passions or their needs. These are gone, the day is now signed after, nor to be instances, in a time when woman is earnestly striving for the noble heritage.

It is not to be expected that she will make no mistake nor that the new soldier of democracy of men and women will not expect. But because there is some jar, an occasional want of harmony, is not ground of discouragement—woman are only human, like the opposite sex. That is all. The trusty friends of women are not those who criticize her methods nor those who would have her stop thinking and acting for herself, but those who believe in her and who believe she will learn even from her limitations and mistakes. The lesson taught by the woman congresses is not that woman are superman, but that they are touch with the progressive spirit of the age and that on the dead issues of the past, they are mounting to noble heights.

One of the many interlocutors that a blind old farmer termed "fool questions" is getting up a list of opinions as to what constitutes an ideal husband. Ideas of what ever nature exist only in the imagination and it is altogether probable that the ideal husband does an ill-favor. In some instances he may have enlisted, if the sensible widow may be trusted in her estimate of him while she is weeping over him.

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The truth is, if a woman were married to an ideal husband life would be a tame affair. As culture becomes more and more a woman's work, she may have enlisted, if the sensible widow may be trusted in her estimate of him while she is weeping over him.

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Mrs. Leland Stanford has given over \$6,000 to the Kindergarten association of San Francisco.

Mrs. Sarah J. Noyes is expert second assistant in the library of the electrical division of the patent office.

Mrs. Moses Card, who is responsible for the successful business against the marriage relation, is collaborator of Oscar Wild.

The State Agricultural college of Colorado has issued its fourteenth annual catalogue, which shows that of the 170 students, 44 are young women.

Miss Edna G. Nash, a graduate of the Boston College of Pharmacy, has passed the board of examination and been awarded a degree.

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